



Skeet and Trap Shooting Range - Park maintenance staff completed work at the Skeet and Trap Shooting Range located at EISE Farm #1. Staff repaired and replaced many of the wooden elements to the range including the stairs and door to the High Trap, benches, posts and stands, and the doors to the Low Trap and Control Tower. Maintenance staff also patched and repaired the concrete fire line and walk. A new coat of paint completed the work at the range and is now allowing the site to be better interpreted to the public.



Skeet and Trap Shooting Range.

Eisenhower Tractor Donated to EISE - Thanks to a donation from the Gettysburg Foundation, the park has acquired President Eisenhower's 1955 Cockshutt Black Hawk Model 40 tractor and cultivator. The unique tractor had been a gift from the Farm Bureaus of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, and was fitted out with a cigarette lighter and radio. It was traded for another tractor by Eisenhower in 1963.



President Eisenhower's 1955 Cockshutt Black Hawk Model 40 tractor (left) with special cigarette lighter (above).

2015 Year in REVIEW

AT A GLANCE

Gettysburg National Military Park

1,095,102 visitors in 2014

6,034 acres in the park boundary

\$6.8 million FY 2015 federal budget

\$62.9 million in visitor spending in 2014

64 permanent employees and
39 seasonal employees in FY 2015

Eisenhower National Historic Site

58,240 visitors in 2014

690 acres in the park boundary

\$1.1 million FY 2015 federal budget

\$3.27 million in visitor spending in 2014

8 permanent employees and
3 seasonal employees in FY 2015

Call to Action Initiatives

Volunteers - Volunteer hours served at GETT increased by 16 percent over FY14, with a total 3,012 volunteers serving 41,028 hours. Hours donated are equivalent to 39 seasonal employees and wages valued at \$928,464 (privatesector.com). They assisted with Park Watch patrol; Civil War living history programs; landscape maintenance through the Adopt-a-position; the park library; care of museum collections; the cannon carriage restoration shop; visitor services at both GETT and EISE; and more. EISE volunteer



Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) volunteers help rebuild fences at the Trostle and Codori thickets.

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hours increased by 4 percent over FY14, with 769 volunteers serving 19,934 hours – equivalent to 19 seasonal employees, and valued at \$451,106. C2A29 Posterity Partners

Social Media - In FY15, the park hired its first Visual Information Specialist. We engaged new audiences through both the GETT and EISE websites, on multiple social media platforms, and with the park blog, “From the Fields of Gettysburg.” Relevant and timely content, including posts about the NPS position on Confederate flag issues, pushed the GETT site to the position of “most liked” NPS Civil War Facebook site for the first time. C2A17 Go Digital

Civic Engagement - Through seven public meetings in FY15, we continued to foster meaningful engagement with the community and stakeholders. These included: two GETT Advisory Commission meetings; a GETT and EISE trails plan workshop with stakeholders; two “Find Your Park” meetings with local tourism organizations; and two public workshops for Foundation documents. C2A28 Park Pulse

Artists in Residency Programs - To showcase the meaning of parks and inspire and engage new artists, Gettysburg National Military Park (GETT) established an “Artists in Residency” program in

Volunteers - By the Numbers		
PROGRAM	NUMBER OF PEOPLE	NUMBER OF HOURS
Cannon Shop	10	1799
Library	1	328
Museum Services	2	712
Visitor Services	49	8288
Park Watch Patrol	84	6176
Living History	1047	16,936
Adopt A Position	1819	6789
GETT TOTALS	3012	41,028
EISE TOTALS	769	19,934

public programs as part of the residency. C2A10 Arts Afire

Cushing Medal of Honor - First Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing of the Army, who helped turn the tide at the Battle of Gettysburg, was awarded the Medal of Honor on November 6 at the White House. Mr. Cushing’s cousins and their families joined President Obama for the ceremony. Superintendent Ed Clark represented the National Park Service at the Pentagon and White House ceremonies. C2A3 History Lesson

Lincoln Mobile App - Park staff worked with the Gettysburg Foundation to add content for the second phase of the Lincoln app, “Lincoln 1863.”

Expanded content includes a GPS-enabled tour that will feature videos of park ranger-presented short talks. The app is available on iTunes. C2A17 Go Digital

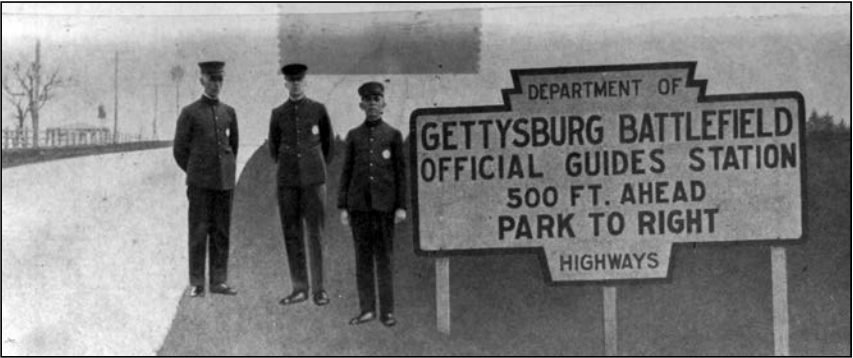
2015, hosting artists for month-long residencies through the summer months. The program was created by the non-profit National Parks Arts Foundation, and is supported by the Gettysburg Foundation. Poets and photographers Michelle Bonczek Evory and Rob Evory were the July artists. Mark Mahosky was the August artist, and Ted Walsh is the September artist. Each artist is conducting



Education Programs -Ford Family Day.

Education Programs - This summer the park partnered with the Gettysburg Foundation to present Youth Quest, a 4-day leadership experience for 25 eighth grade students from Title 1 schools. Also, during Ford Family Day in August, more than 4,200 children and their families engaged in hands-on activities presented by GETT staff and volunteers.

Licensed Battlefield Guides - The park has scheduled a new Licensed Battlefield Guide exam for December 5. The entire examination process has been revised by a committee including Licensed Guides, park staff, and scholars. We now have a four-tiered examination process that is transparent, comprehensive, thorough, focused, dynamic, and challenging. To earn a much coveted LBG license requires successful completion of a written examination, panel interview, orientation program, and oral battlefield examination.



Licensed Battlefield Guides.

EISE Stewardship and Education

Nativity Scene Restoration project - With funding from the Gettysburg Foundation, made possible by a grant from the Glencairn Foundation, three nativity scenes that were on display in the Eisenhower White House have been conserved and were displayed in the Museum & Visitor Center lobby throughout December 2014. This was part of a month-long display of Eisenhower family holiday decorations at Eisenhower National Historic Site.

Eisenhower Home Interior Painting - In March 2015, we completed the repainting of the interior of the Eisenhower home due to wear and damage from moisture over the years.



World War II Weekend.

World War II Weekend - In September, the site hosted 562 hundred living history volunteers doing encampments, drill, and other programs from World War II. The weekend also features many book signings, special guided walks about World War II burial sites in the Soldiers’ National Cemetery, a World War II style “USO” dance, worship services, and even an actual wedding. More than 2,000 visitors attended the events.

Human Remains - The park and the Gettysburg Foundation are following the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act process to determine the appropriate disposition of a 700-year old human skull. Forensic anthropologists at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History identified the skull as belonging to an individual more than 700 years old and from the American Southwest. The auctioneer purported that it was a casualty from the Battle of Gettysburg.

Comprehensive Community Trails Plan - In April, 2015, we had a stake-holders meeting to better understand their needs for trail uses throughout the local parks and communities. Stakeholders included local equestrian, bicyclist, and outdoor recreational groups. Data and comments were gathered to help us complete the data collection phase of the project and transition to developing alternatives. An Environmental Assessment will be developed for public comment and review in early 2016.

Commemorative Era Treatment Philosophy - GETT will work the NPS Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation to develop a concise, historical overview of the development of the commemorative landscape, including typical landscape characteristics and features, and issues pertaining to existing physical condition and historical integrity. The project will craft general treatment principles to guide future landscape rehabilitation, including reasons for reestablishing

commemorative landscapes or individual features that have been lost or obscured. A draft plan will be available in 2016.

Winter Lecture Series - GETT interpretive staff created another very successful winter lecture series on Saturday and Sunday afternoons throughout January, February and March. In spite of many snowy and icy days, there was standing room only at the majority of the lectures. Twenty lectures drew a total audience of 3,011 visitors. Videos of the lectures online have gathered over 50,000 views.

Summer Programs - From June 6 to August 16, 2015, GETT Interpretive Rangers presented over 1,400 programs to approximately 50,000 visitors. We offered nine brand new interpretive programs including “Trials and Triumphs” at the Brian Farm and “Courage on Trial,” an interactive re-creation of an actual court martial which took place

following the Battle of Gettysburg. In addition, we continued our partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation by offering programming and living history at the George Spangler farm.



GETT Summer Programs.



New Cannon Carriage Restoration Shop - GETT and the Gettysburg Foundation funded the development of a “state of the art” cannon carriage restoration shop in the three-bay garage at the National Guard armory complex. The park’s monument preservation crew will be better able to restore cast iron cannon carriages and other iron work from the 1890s from the Gettysburg battlefield. In August, we cut the ribbon on the shop and full operations began in September. C2A30 Tools of the Trade



New Cannon Carriage Restoration Shop - ribbon cutting.

Ticket to Ride Education program - EISE received a 2015 National Park Foundation grant, matching funds and in-kind services from the Gettysburg Foundation, Eisenhower Society and the local community to provide transportation and funding for York students with limited financial means to visit President Eisenhower’s farm. C2A18 Ticket to Ride



EISE Ticket to Ride Education Program.



Wellness Program - wellness walk.

Safety Committee and Wellness Programs - A revitalized committee of GETT and EISE staff conducted a safety stand-down in December, as well as training for safety and operational leadership. The committee conducted an employee wellness survey to assess employee wellness needs. As a result, a newly created wellness subcommittee held popular wellness walks and fitness programs throughout the spring, summer and fall. Programs have improved work life, health, safety and morale for park employees. C2A6 Take a Hike. Call Me in the Morning.



Presidential Paint and Wine Night.

Eisenhower Arts Programs - The Gettysburg Foundation, Adams County Arts Council, and park staff created an after-hours art event in September 2015, called a Presidential Paint and Wine Night. This sold-out event featured a tour of the home and its art, followed by painting instruction and refreshments. Another will be planned for the spring of 2016. C2A10 Arts Afire

Centennial Projects and Programs

To celebrate 100 years of stewardship, our goal is to connect with and create the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates. Programs are reaching out to teachers, students, and youth; increasing number of volunteers and students as interns and employees; updating and expanding our presence on social media, and much more.

Little Round Top - Progress continues on the development of an EA for Little Round Top to provide solutions for overuse, overcrowding and landscape degradation and identify appropriate visitor conveniences. The \$10 million project is a signature Centennial fundraising project of the National Park Foundation and the Gettysburg Foundation. An EA will be available for public review late in 2015.

Cemetery Ridge Rehab - The rehab of Cemetery Ridge at Ziegler’s Grove, including Ziegler’s Ravine and rebuilding the Hancock Avenue Gate, is an official Centennial Legacy project. The Gettysburg Foundation will provide a grant of \$700,000 to match NPS funding of \$600,000 for this stewardship project and bidding is going on now. The project will start in the fall of 2015.



Fire Management - prescribed burns south of the Pennsylvania Memorial.



Cemetery Ridge rehab project including rebuilding the Hancock Avenue Gate.

Every Kid in a Park - The David Wills House and the EISE invite all 4th grade students to visit for free, as part of the White House’s new “Every Kid in a Park” program. This special program at GETT and EISE has been made possible through donations from the Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg Tours, Inc.



GETT Stewardship and Education

Fire Management - In our continuing efforts to reduce woody vegetation and non-native invasive weedy species in the historically open fields at Gettysburg, we conducted two prescribed fires in an area just south of the Pennsylvania Memorial on 30 acres.

Deer Management - The park continued deer management at GETT and EISE from October through March. U.S.D.A. Wildlife Services reduced the number of deer directly by shooting. All venison tested negative for Chronic Wasting Disease and more than 8500 pounds of venison was donated to area food banks.

Rehabilitate West End Guide Station - We completed a major renovation of this structure last winter, creating new restrooms and a new orientation area inside the building.

Repair/Replace Lightning protection systems in both parks - We will be repairing and replacing lightning protection systems in the park starting in November. The project is being done to make repairs to damaged existing systems as well as to bring the systems into current code compliance.



Spotlight Exhibit - Gen. Albion Howe.

Museum Exhibit Planning - Park and Gettysburg Foundation staff created two new, temporary exhibits. A “spotlight exhibit” opened in the museum in March, entitled: “A Faithful and Efficient General: The Military Service of

General Albion Howe.” A new spotlight exhibit about Confederate General Barksdale will open in October 2015. Planning continues for the next Gilder-Lehrman exhibit, highlighting the life and times of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. The committee is also exploring updates to the museum’s permanent galleries. The Civil War Trust donated 96 items from the former Lee’s Headquarters Museum, helping us fill gaps in our museum collection and further illustrate the Gettysburg story. Through donations from the Gettysburg Foundation, we acquired significant museum objects.

Foundation Documents - GETT and EISE are well on their way to completing new “foundation documents” which serve as underlying guidance for management and planning decisions in the national park system. Public workshops were held in April and the project will be complete at the end of this year.



Eastern Incident Management Teams - Appomattox 150 event.

Support for Eastern Incident Management Teams - During FY15, GETT and EISE staff directly supported five NPS events managed by IMTs: Selma to Montgomery Jubilee, Selma to Montgomery Walking Classroom, 150th of Appomattox, the Flight 93 Visitor Center opening, and the INDE Papal visit. A total of 58 resources from GETT and EISE were called out. In addition, 2 resources went to fires.